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**Fifth Report**

OF

**THE DERBYSHIRE**

**County Pauper Lunatic Asylum.**

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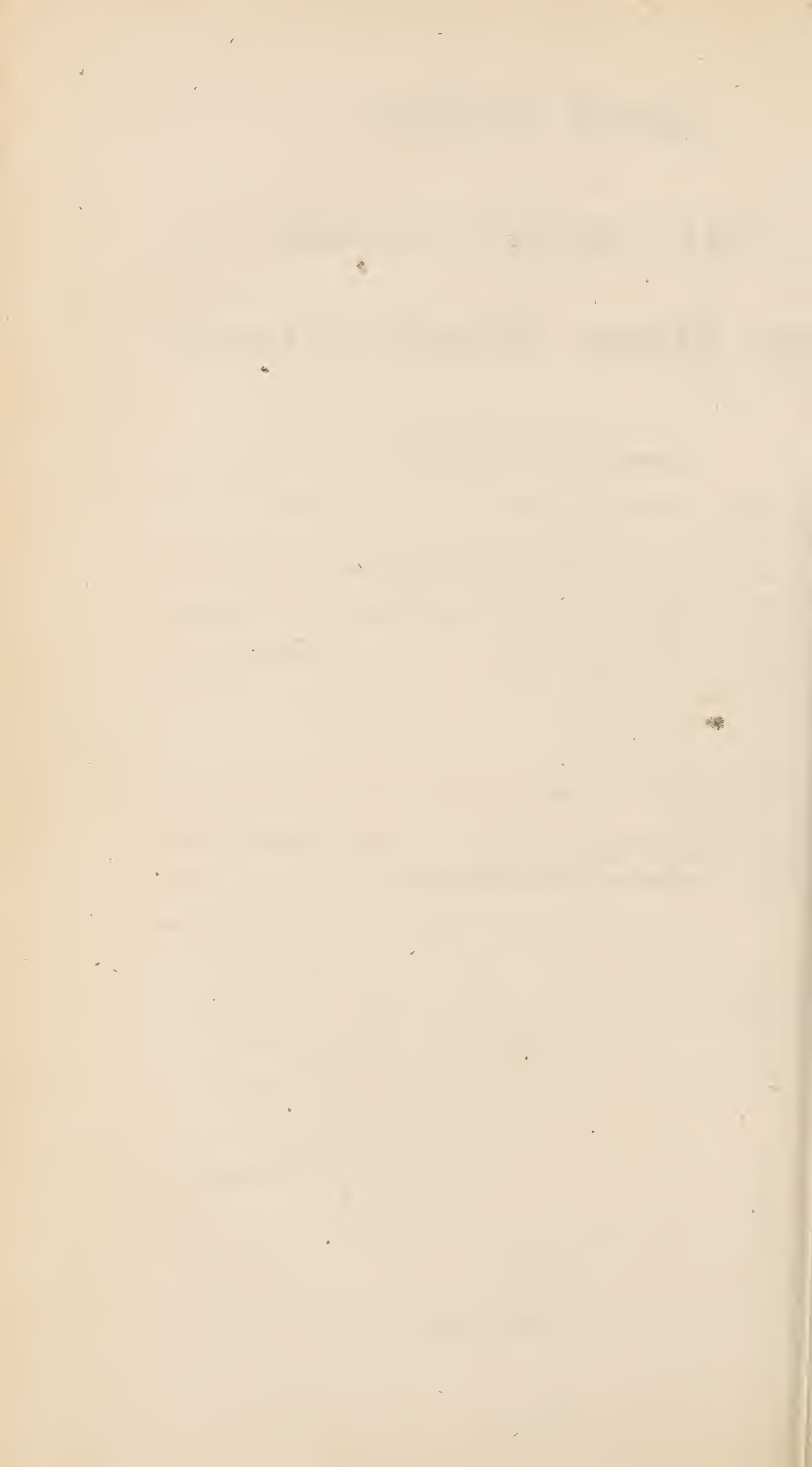
CLERK OF THE PEACE.

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DERBY:

W. AND W. PIKE, PRINTERS, CORN MARKET.

[1861]



*the Justices of the Peace of the County of Derby,  
assembled at their General Quarter Sessions of the  
Peace at Derby, on the 9th day of April, 1861.*


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The additional Works referred to in our last Report and then  
progress, have been satisfactorily completed. This necessary  
enlargement of the Asylum has provided accommodation for 63  
additional Patients.

The terms of high commendation in which the Commis-  
sioners in Lunacy, and also all the Foreign Medical Visitors,  
of this Asylum, render it unnecessary for us to do more  
than express our entire concurrence in the well-merited praises  
bestowed upon the Institution.

H. SEYMOUR BLANE,

Chairman.



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TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS OF THE  
DERBY COUNTY ASYLUM.

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GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to submit the following statement of the admissions, discharges, and deaths of Patients occurring at the Asylum during the year 1860.

Fifty-eight Men and thirty-two Women have been admitted, of which a large proportion of whom were in a feeble state of bodily health; thus, nineteen cases were more or less paralysed, six epileptic; three had been idiotic from birth, two were worn out by old age and sickness; one was deaf and dumb; and one patient was in such a state of exhaustion as to die on the second day after admission, and another, so much so, as to die on the third day—having been sustained in life thus long by stimulants, and assiduous nursing. Thus, of thirty-three cases, or one-third of the admissions, it could safely be predicted, at the time they were received into the Hospital, that they could not recover; of the remaining two-thirds many had been insane for long periods. I have so frequently referred to the evils of delay in bringing Patients to the Asylum, that I now leave these melancholy facts to make their own impression upon the public mind. Admissions.

Twenty-eight Men and fourteen Women, or 46 per cent. of the admissions, have been discharged, Cured; and eight Men and two Women have been discharged, Improved. Cures.

Two convalescent Patients escaped, and were concealed by their reputed friends, until a fortnight had passed away, and thus



## Escapes.

obtained their freedom; the Lunacy Act requiring that at expiration of a fortnight new Certificates, testifying to Insanity of the Patient, be obtained, before he can be re-admitted into the Asylum. One of these cases, at the end of the fortnight when he made his appearance, was properly taken by his parole officer to a Medical man, who did not feel justified in certifying that the Patient was then Insane. The other case, notwithstanding an energetic search for the previous fortnight on the part of the Asylum Attendants, was permitted by his relatives and others to be at large. In an exacerbation of his malady, some weeks after he had quitted the Asylum, the poor fellow destroyed himself.

In order to facilitate his cure a large amount of freedom is given to a convalescent Patient; and it is, therefore, not a difficult task for him to escape from the Asylum, should he be disposed to do so. It would frequently occur, were it not for moral ties induce him to remain. When an exception springs up, when impatience, or any other cause, prompts the Lunatic to forget his obligations, to break his parole, and to escape from his guardians, it is much to be regretted that one should consider it a friendly act to conceal him from the Attendants who go in pursuit of him. In the case above referred to, the Patient distinctly stated to persons who saw him after his escape, that he had been kindly treated at the Asylum. Such concealments, by increasing the cost of search, infllicting great expense upon a Charitable Institution, is a great wrong to the Patient himself, and injurious to society at large. It should not be forgotten, that no person has a pecuniary interest in the detention of a Patient in a County Lunatic Asylum, and his discharge is certain to be given to him as soon as his mental health is firmly established.

Eleven Men and Seventeen Women have died, mal-

of twenty-eight, out of three hundred and sixty-nine patients who have been under treatment, being something under per cent. The mortality, therefore, has not been very high, as has been shown above, two Patients were nearly dead at the time of their admission.

Deaths.

Coroner's Inquests have been held upon four cases—one on a person of an aged woman, who fell down, accidentally, and so injured her thigh as to cause death in a few days; two on cases brought to the Asylum much bruised, and dying in a few days afterwards—in each of these two cases a verdict of “Died from natural causes” was justly returned. The fourth case was upon a Woman who committed Suicide. This case was fully reported to the Visitors, at the time of its occurrence, and was investigated by the Commissioners in Lunacy at their visit on the 8th of August, who left the following record respecting it: “The mode in which the act was committed was very peculiar, and from the explanations which have been afforded us, we do not think any blame attaches to the persons who had charge of the Patient.” Diseases from which the Patients have died, have been Apoplexy, Softening of the Brain, General Paralysis, Epilepsy, and Pulmonary Consumption.

Many Patients now in the Asylum are suffering from organic diseases of the Brain and Spinal Cord, and the deaths from these diseases will be numerous next year.

Employment has been carried out during the past year so far as has been consistent with the health of the Patients; but the number of aged, feeble, or paralysed Patients is now so large, that the amount of work achieved on the Farm and Garden is less than of yore. Amusements and Instruction have been liberally provided. Every Thursday evening throughout the Months of September, December, January, February, and March in each

Employment,  
and  
Amusements.

year is devoted to an Entertainment of a mixed character, consisting of select Readings, Lectures, the Exhibition of the Magic Lantern, Draughts, Music, Songs, and Dancing, so that the taste of each Patient may, as far as possible, be gratified. I have to express my cordial thanks to Mr. Williams, now of Wyke House, to Mr. Braddon, to Mr. Turpie of Derby, to Mr. Pigott of Findern, for contributing to the instruction of the Inmates by Reading or by Songs; and also to Mr. Camm of Derby, for kindly supplying gratuitously some excellent scenery for an amateur dramatic performance, which greatly amused the Patients. The Christmas Eve Entertainment, always delightful, was much enhanced in merriment by the clever performance of the laughable farce of "Box and Cox," by two gentlemen, and by one of the nurses of the Institution.

The General Results of the past year are as follows:—

										Men.	Women	
General Results.	Number of Patients in the Asylum on the first of January, 1860 ... ..										136	11
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											279	
	Admitted during the year ... ..										58	
	Discharged Cured ... ..										28	
	———— Improved ... ..										8	
	Escaped when Convalescent ... ..										2	
	Died ... ..										11	
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Remaining in the Asylum on December 31, 1860...										145		

The proposed enlargement of the Asylum, which provided for fifty additional beds, has been completed, and the rooms are now occupied. It forms a most valuable addition to the Asylum, for while meeting an urgent want it also adds materially



itectural completeness of the building. There is now accommodation for thirty additional Male Patients, and thirty-three Female Patients, an accommodation which will be much required, as each passing year leaves behind it a large number of Patients, who, although *Incurable*, require the resources of an Asylum not only to preserve Society from the consequences of their morbid impulses, but also that the unfortunate sufferers themselves be preserved from cruelty and wrong. The number of incurable Pauper Lunatics is increasing so largely that their proper disposal is becoming an embarrassing question. Asylums of large dimensions are being further enlarged, and additional Asylums are being built in almost every county. This evil will continue to progress until parsimonious Boards recognise the oft-repeated truth, that the surest economy in the management of Lunacy is to place the sufferer *at once* under appropriate treatment; and, when he is restored, to guard against his relapse by treating him generously during the first few weeks after he is called upon to grapple with the difficulties of life. It would be found that a present sacrifice of a few shillings would be followed by the saving of many pounds, and that simple obedience to the Christian law of charity would be the wisest measure of parochial finance.

Additional  
Accommo-  
dation.

The Asylum was visited by the Commissioners in Lunacy, on the eighth of August, who, after spending many hours in minutely inspecting the arrangements of the Institution, left the following record:—"We have the satisfaction of reporting that this Institution continues to maintain its high position for good and careful management, and the Patients evidently receive the attention."

Commis-  
sioners'  
Report.

It only remains for me to state, that the officers and servants of the Institution are entitled to my thanks for their services during the past year; and that, I desire to express my gratitude

to the Committee of Visitors for their benevolent labours, and for  
the support which they have always afforded, to

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN HITCHMAN, M.D.

January, 1861.





# DERBY COUNTY ASYLUM.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM THE 1ST JANUARY TO THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1860.

FROM UNIONS AND PARISHES CONTRIBUTING.	INCOME FROM WEEKLY RATE FOR THE QUARTERS ENDING					£. s. d.	HEADS OF EXPENDITURE.	EXPENDITURE FROM WEEKLY RATE FOR THE QUARTERS ENDING					£. s. d.	
	31st March £. s. d.	30th June £. s. d.	30th Sept. £. s. d.	31st Dec. £. s. d.	Total. £. s. d.			31st March £. s. d.	30th June £. s. d.	30th Sept. £. s. d.	31st Dec. £. s. d.	Total. £. s. d.		
Ashby-de-la-Zouch . . . .	44 14 0	42 16 0	53 7 6	54 9 6	195 7 0		Provisions.							
Ashbourne . . . . .	69 13 0	71 13 7	77 10 8	77 15 0	296 12 3		Meat . . . . .	273 5 10	273 2 7	310 7 4	306 5 1	1163 0 10		
Basford . . . . .	91 15 0	91 10 11	90 12 4	104 11 5	378 9 8		Flour . . . . .	205 3 6	112 19 0	208 9 6	203 18 6	730 10 6		
Bakewell . . . . .	156 18 7	140 8 0	140 18 4	145 15 11	584 0 10		Oatmeal, Rice, Barley, and Peas . . . . .	22 13 4	15 4 11	28 17 1	38 15 4	105 10 8		
Belper . . . . .	217 16 8	202 7 10	188 18 11	192 2 2	801 5 7		Potatoes . . . . .	33 8 3	29 8 9	6 7 7	44 11 10	113 16 5		
Burton-upon-Trent . . . .	90 17 5	94 8 9	102 19 10	116 2 11	404 8 11		Tea and Coffee . . . . .	36 10 2	30 17 2	36 5 4	31 0 6	134 13 2		
Chesterfield . . . . .	249 18 4	258 13 11	271 10 0	292 5 11	1072 8 2		Sugar and Treacle . . . .	12 17 10	14 16 5	23 18 0	19 18 0	71 10 3		
Chapel-en-le-Frith . . . .	42 2 6	40 13 11	43 9 3	52 4 5	178 10 1		Other Groceries . . . . .	5 8 7	7 4 2	7 7 8	11 14 8	31 15 1		
Derby . . . . .	317 0 0	324 4 0	315 4 3	327 6 10	1283 15 1		Tobacco and Snuff . . . .	14 18 0	17 1 6	17 3 6	17 5 8	66 8 8		
Ecclesall Bierlow . . . .	35 10 0	35 17 5	40 19 0	41 8 4	153 14 9		Butter and Cheese . . . .	106 1 3	67 11 7	105 3 3	103 0 4	381 16 5		
Glossop . . . . .	82 8 11	86 1 7	74 19 2	71 0 0	314 9 8		Beer . . . . .	123 19 4	201 0 0	28 9 10	172 19 6	526 8 8		
Hayfield . . . . .	38 0 2	35 2 0	37 4 6	29 11 8	139 18 4		Milk . . . . .	4 18 8	3 1 4	0 0 0	4 12 7	12 12 7		
Mansfield . . . . .	11 16 8	11 14 0	11 14 0	11 16 8	47 1 4		House & other Expenses							
Shardlow . . . . .	99 18 9	95 10 8	95 10 7	95 11 4	386 11 4		Coals . . . . .	146 3 3	161 12 2	138 5 8	113 13 6	559 14 7		
Uttoxeter . . . . .	16 14 5	11 14 0	11 14 0	11 16 8	51 19 1		Soap . . . . .	28 18 0	25 12 0	28 17 6	24 0 8	107 8 2		
Worksop . . . . .	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 19 11	5 18 4	7 18 3		Starch and Soda . . . . .	2 14 11	2 14 11	4 6 10	2 17 8	12 14 4		
From County Treasurer.	35 10 0	37 19 11	35 2 0	35 11 2	144 3 1	6296 10 4	Candles and Cleaning Articles . . . . .	12 7 2	4 17 11	11 2 3	5 6 6	33 13 10		
						144 3 1	Furniture, Bedding, and General Repairs . . . .	96 4 2	41 7 2	62 9 4	75 13 9	275 14 5		
							Ironmongery, Cutlery, and Earthenware . . . .	8 19 0	18 3 6	14 3 3	48 0 10	89 6 7		
							Brooms and Brushes . .	6 8 6	4 2 9	7 18 0	3 16 0	22 5 3		
							Rates and Taxes . . . . .	15 3 8	5 15 0	11 11 0	9 2 11	41 12 7		
							Periodicals, Printing, Stamps, & Stationery	4 11 6	27 17 6	5 5 7	24 18 10	62 13 5		
							Carriage of Goods & Tolls	2 9 11	7 9 8	6 7 9	10 0 9	26 8 1		
							Omnibus Hire . . . . .	0 0 0	7 1 0	0 0 0	7 1 0	14 2 0		
							Funeral Expenses . . . .	4 1 6	2 5 0	3 1 6	6 19 6	16 7 6		
							Road Repairs . . . . .	6 10 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	6 10 0		
							Sweeping Flues . . . . .	2 5 0	2 5 0	2 5 0	3 7 6	10 2 6		
							Insurance . . . . .	0 0 0	19 8 9	0 0 0	0 0 0	19 8 9		
							Miscellaneous . . . . .	12 1 5	11 4 6	5 14 11	13 13 10	42 14 8		
							Clothing . . . . .	78 7 8	100 14 0	146 15 8	129 13 4	455 10 8	1340 16 8	
							Salaries and Wages.						455 10 8	
							Officers . . . . .	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	800 0 0		
							Servants . . . . .	252 19 8	243 2 1	239 12 11	253 12 0	989 6 8		
							Extras for Sick.						1789 6 8	
							Drugs & Instruments . .	11 13 1	17 1 5	8 10 1	10 10 5	47 15 0		
							Wines and Spirits . . . .	22 13 0	26 7 0	31 8 0	23 0 0	103 8 0		
							Porter . . . . .	12 10 6	6 6 0	10 19 6	6 5 6	36 1 6		
													187 4 6	
For Funerals . . . . .						63 19 4								
For Private Patients . . . .						13 2 6								
						231 2 0								
						£ 6748 17 3							£ 7111 1 9	

Examined.

(Signed)

H. SEYMOUR BLANE (CHAIRMAN).  
T. PEACH.

JOHN LANGLEY,  
CLERK & STEWARD.



Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance in Treasurer's hands on the 31st December, 1859 .....	2,867	17	3			
Ditto in Steward's hands.....	58	9	5			
				2,926	6	8
RECEIPTS.						
Transfer from County Rate.....	52	3	4			
Sundry Sales.....	43	13	6			
Officers' Uniform .....	15	17	0			
				111	13	10
Maintenance of Patients from Unions and Parishes belonging to this County	6,296	10	4			
County Treasurer .....	144	3	1			
Unions and Parishes belonging to Out Counties .....	63	19	4			
Private Patients .....	231	2	0			
Funerals .....	13	2	6			
				6,748	17	3
Accounts due to Tradesmen for Supplies to the 31st December, 1860 .....	1,422	3	2			
Officers' Salaries to Ditto .....	200	0	0			
				1,622	3	2
				£11,409	0	11

Examined,  
H. SEYMOUR BLANE (Chairman).  
T. PEACH.

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Tradesmen for Supplies to the 31st of December, 1859 .....	1,286	10	1			
Officers' Salaries to ditto .....	200	0	0			
				1,486	10	1
PAYMENTS.						
Provisions.....	3,338	3	3			
House and other Expenses .....	1,340	16	8			
Clothing .....	455	10	8			
Salaries and Wages .....	1,789	6	8			
Extras for Sick.....	187	4	6			
				7,111	1	9
Supplies to Farm and Garden .....				375	16	10
Balance in Treasurer's hands on the 31st December, 1860 .....	2,374	4	8			
Ditto in Steward's hands.....	61	7	7			
				2,435	12	3
				£11,409	0	11

JOHN LANGLEY,  
Clerk and Steward.

# ARTICLES MADE BY THE FEMALE PATIENTS,

Between the 1st of January and the 31st of December, 1860.

Aprons.	143	46
Blinds.	323	45
Bolster Cases.	88	
Bonnets.	216	257
Caps, Men's.	162	28
Caps, Women's.	8	
Chemises.	44	43
Curtains.	177	52
Sets of Curtains, Knitted.	187	73
Carpets.	92	51
Covers.	319	411
Gowns.	116	12
Gowns, Night.	174	135
Handkerchiefs.	21	355
Matress Cases.		
Peticoats.		
Pillow Cases.		
Shawls.		
Sheets.		
Shirts.		
Ditto, Flannel.		
Shrouds.		
Stays.		
Stocks.		
Stockings, Pairs of Knitted.		
Table Cloths.		
Towels.		

SUPPLIES TO THE HOUSE FROM THE FARM AND GARDEN,

During the Year ending December 31, 1860.

Pork.	Galls.	Brocoli.	Cauli-flowers.	Cabbages.	Carrots.	Onions.	Parsnips.	Potatoes..	Turnips.	Rhubarb.	Heads.	Bshls.	Beans.	Peas.
lbs.		Heads.	Heads.	Tons cwt. qr. lb.	Tons cwt. qr. lb.	Tons cwt. qr. lb.	Tons cwt. qr. lb.	Tons cwt. qr. lb.	Tons cwt. qr. lb.	lbs.				
3463	5225	179	407	4 12 2 0	3 8 1 21	1 3 0 15	2 11 2 2	3 2 2 16	1 10 3 0	4032	1877	163	207	

# ORDINARY DIET.

	DINNER.										SUPPER.														
	BREAKFAST.					Males.					Females.					Males.					Females.				
	Males.		Females.			Beer.	Bread.	Uncooked Meat.	Pie or Pudding.	Soup.	Stew.	Vegetables.	Beer.	Bread.	Uncooked Meat.	Pie or Pudding.	Soup.	Stew.	Vegetables.	Beer.	Bread.	Cheese.	Bread.	Butter.	Tea.
Sunday ....	6	1	5	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	9	7	..	..	..	12	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	5	7	..	..	..	..	12	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	6	2	5	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	1
Monday ....	6	1	5	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	6	..	..	1	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	6	2	5	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	1
Tuesday ....	6	1	5	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	6	7	..	..	..	12	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	5	7	..	..	..	12	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	6	2	5	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	1	
Wednesday	6	1	5	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	6	7	..	..	..	12	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	5	7	..	..	..	12	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	6	2	5	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	1	
Thursday ..	6	1	5	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	6	..	..	..	12	..	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	5	..	..	..	12	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	6	2	5	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	1
Friday ....	6	1	5	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	6	7	..	..	..	12	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	5	7	..	..	..	12	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	6	2	5	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	1	
Saturday ...	6	1	5	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	6	..	14	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	5	..	14	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.	6	2	5	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	1



## DERBY COUNTY ASYLUM.

## Average Weekly Cost

OF

MAINTENANCE, MEDICINE, CLOTHING, AND  
CARE OF PATIENTS,

DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1860.

	£.	s.	d.
Provisions ... ..	0	4	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Clothing ... ..	0	0	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
Salaries and Wages ... ..	0	2	5
Necessaries, Fuel, Light, and Washing	0	1	0
Surgery and Dispensary ... ..	0	0	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Wine, Spirits, and Porter ... ..	0	0	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Furniture and Bedding ... ..	0	0	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Garden and Farm ... ..	0	0	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Miscellaneous, viz.—Rates and Taxes, Periodicals, Printing, Stamps, Sta- tionery, Carriage of Goods and In- surance ... ..	0	0	4
	0	9	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Less Receipts from Sales ... ..	0	0	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
	0	9	5 $\frac{3}{4}$

Average Daily Number of Patients, 286.



